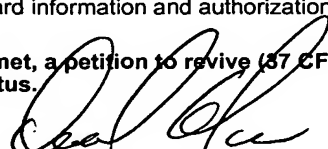


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| INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE December 26, 2003 | | PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED January 6, 2003 | |
| TITLE OF INVENTION TEMPORARY STORAGE METHOD AND DEVICE FOR LINEAR BODY | | | |
| APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Satoru NAWATA | | | |
| Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information: | | | |
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| 5. <input type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) | | | |
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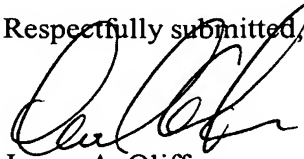
Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the reference(s) listed on the attached PTO-1449. Unless otherwise indicated herein, one copy of each reference is attached. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the reference(s) be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

- ☒ 1. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (a) within three months of the U.S. filing date of this non-CPA application, OR (b) before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the present application. No certification or fee is required.
- ☒ 2. References 1-6 were cited in a Supplementary European Search Report. An English language version of the foreign search report is attached for the Examiner's information.
- ☒ 3. In accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2)(ii), copies of any U.S. patents and patent application publications are not attached.
- ☒ 4. English language Abstracts of the non-English language references 2-6 are attached hereto.

- ☒ 5. A computer-generated English language translation of the following Japanese Patent Publication has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office ([<http://www.jpo.go.jp>]), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy. See Reference 3.

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